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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph beginning at page 1, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

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This application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No , 09/590,862 entitled "Classification of the Variables In a System of Simultaneous Equations Described By Hardware Description Languages," filed June 8, 2000 which is incorporated herein by reference and which has issued on March 11, 2003 as U.S. Patent 6,532,569.

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